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Traders work the phones on a busy day for the markets, following a high-productivity report.

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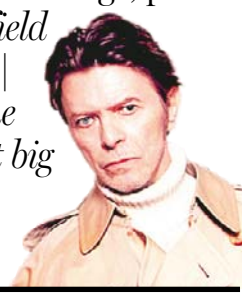

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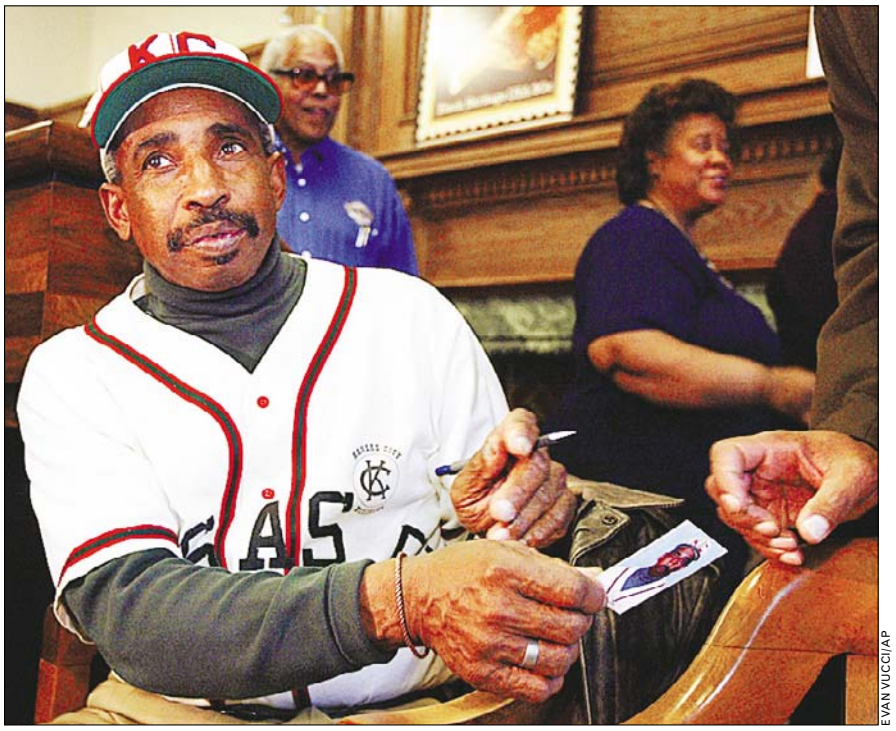

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SIGN OF THE TIMES: Former Negro Leaguer Sam Allen signs autographs Wednesday following the announcement that the Negro League Legends Hall of Fame will be built in Washington. The hall will include artifacts dating back to the early 20th century. ✤ **More:** Relics on display | Page 12

Malvo Letter Excluded

Defense hoped to show teen's state before shootings

CHESAPEAKE, VA. | A judge on Wednesday barred lawyers for sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo from introducing a letter that witnesses characterized as an anguished plea for help in which Malvo said he was a "ticking time bomb."

Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush ruled the letter was hearsay and did not allow its contents to be presented to the jury.

The letter was an important piece of evidence for the defense, which is presenting an insanity defense and wants to show that Malvo participated in last year's sniper killings only after sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad brainwashed him to the point he could no longer tell right from wrong.

Defense lawyer Michael Arif argued the letter should be allowed because it showed Malvo's gloomy state of mind shortly before last year's sniper rampage that left 10 people dead in and around the nation's capital.

The letter was written by Malvo to Muhammad's niece LaToria Williams during a visit to Muhammad's family in Baton Rouge, La., in the summer of 2002. Relatives read the letter and believed Malvo was desperate for help. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Police Struggle Blamed in Death

CINCINNATI | The death of a 350-pound black man who was clubbed by police was caused primarily by the struggle that ensued after the suspect lunged and swung at the officers, the coroner said Wednesday.

Hamilton County Coroner Carl Parrott said Nathaniel Jones, 41, suffered from an enlarged heart, obesity and had intoxicating levels of cocaine, PCP and methanol in his blood.

He said the death will be ruled a homicide, but added that such a decision does not mean police used "excessive force." The coroner said he had to rule the death a homicide because it did not fall under the other categories: accident, suicide or natural.

Jones's death certificate will list a cause of death as an irregular heartbeat because of a stress reaction from the violent struggle, Parrott said.

Black activists say Jones's death was another example of police brutality against blacks in a city that was rocked by race riots two years ago. That unrest was sparked after a white police officer shot and killed an unarmed fleeing black suspect. JOHN NOLAN (AP)

SPRUCING UP: Yes, Virginia, you can have a Christmas tree. State Fire Marshal Ed Altizer announced Wednesday that the state is lifting its recently adopted ban on the use of fresh-cut trees in apartments and condos. (AP)

ANGER MANAGEMENT | **Wine By the Crash** A woman upset at being refused the sale of wine at a gas station rammed her car into a pump, setting it ablaze, police said. Debra Ann Marren tried to buy some cheap wine, but the clerk at a Citgo in Davie, Fla., told her

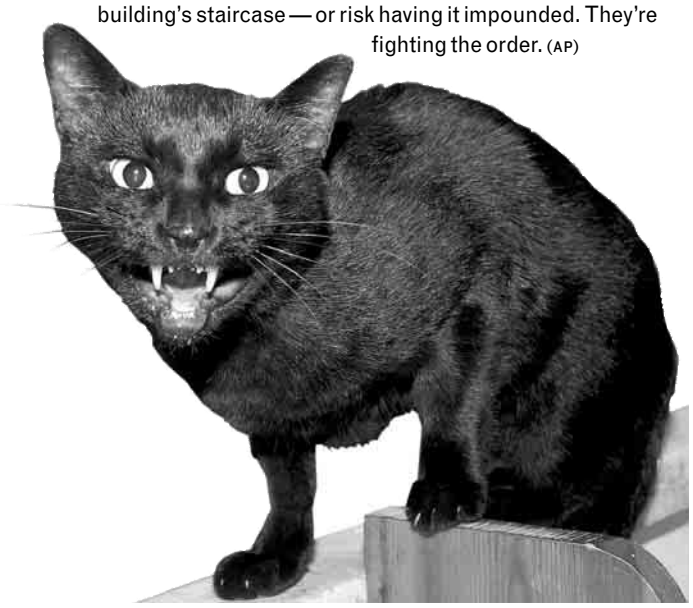
he couldn't sell to her since it was illegal to sell alcohol between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., police said. Marren then jumped in her car, reversed into the pump, and fled with the pump on fire. Police later tracked Marren down. No word yet on any charges. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

ANIMAL WATCH

Scaredy Cats

An Israeli cat has been banned from circulating freely in the stairwell of a suburban Tel Aviv apartment building, apparently because its jet black color was frightening the residents. Kooshi, a 7-year-old mixed breed shorthair, has a midnight black coat and green sparkling eyes. Its owners were told by municipal veterinarian Jonathan Even-Zor of Rishon Letzion they had to cradle the cat when descending the building's staircase — or risk having it impounded. They're fighting the order. (AP)



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POLITICS

Marbles Statute

All it took for Stewart Bubar to retain his seat on the Board of Education in Culver City, Calif., was 1,141 votes and one white marble. After Bubar and challenger Roger Maxwell wound up tied at 1,141 votes apiece in last month's election, school district officials decided to determine the winner by having the two reach into bags filled with red, white and blue marbles. Bubar won by being the first to pull out a white marble. A runoff would have cost the school district about $85,000, so officials decided to go with the cheaper marble draw. (AP)

RECORDS

Big Chill

The Wells Dairy of Le Mars, Iowa, now has the world's largest freezer, according to the company that built the structure. The deep freeze is 12 stories tall and has more than 10 million cubic feet of freezer space — the equivalent of a million household freezers. The dairy claims Le Mars as the ice cream capital of the world, producing more than 100 million gallons of frozen goodies a year. (AP)

RELATIONSHIPS

Bite Your Tongue

The next time you decide to kiss and make up, make sure your partner is ready for reconciliation. Police were called to a loud fight at a home Monday in Wichita, Kan. After an argument, the boyfriend tried to give the girlfriend a make-up kiss. Instead, police said, she bit off a large part of his tongue. Police recovered the piece, and it was reattached at a Wichita hospital. (AP)

HEALTH

Monkey Do Better

Patients were clamoring for attention as a new hospital in Lopburi, Thailand, opened on Wednesday — the first in the country specializing in treating monkeys. The 2,000 monkeys roaming free in central Lopburi are the city's main tourist attraction. But caring for the animals can be dangerous, veterinarian Somsak Naksomboon said, because the monkeys often gang up and attack medics who try to take them to the doctor. (AP)

DAVID LONGSTREATH/AP

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AQI Today: Not available

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Nation

Shootings Rattle Ohio Parents

Security efforts rise after police link series of local shootings

COLUMBUS, OHIO | Parents nervously took their children by the hand and walked them to school. Teachers were given maps to help them get to work without using the highway nearby. Outdoor recess was canceled for the rest of the week.

A deadly series of 12 shootings in Columbus since May — including one in which a bullet broke a window at Hamilton Central Elementary School last month in the middle of the night — have unnerved parents, motorists and others.

The shootings — which investigators believe are connected — have taken place around a five-mile stretch of Interstate 270. One woman in a car was killed last week.

"Until they catch him, there's no way they're getting on the bus," said Michelle Maupin, who changed her routine to drop her 7-year-old daughter off at school.

Some parents said they were not comfortable with their children being at class. Seventy students were absent Wednesday, according to the school system, almost double the usual number.

ANITA CHANG (AP)

TERRY GILLIAM/AP

A Franklin County Sheriff's officer patrols near Hamilton Central Elementary School on Wednesday as a woman walks two children from the school to her car.

Man Sentenced For Al Qaeda Ties

First member of Lackawanna Six gets 10-year prison term

BUFFALO, N.Y. | A Yemeni-American man who attended an al Qaeda training camp and met with Osama bin Laden shortly before the Sept. 11 attacks was sentenced to 10 years in prison Wednesday.

Mukhtar al-Bakri, 23, was the first defendant to be sentenced in the Lackawanna Six case that has been held up by the Bush administration as a model in pursuing and prosecuting terrorism suspects.

Al-Bakri, the youngest of the group, was the last to accept a plea bargain earlier this year. He could have gotten 15 years if convicted at trial. He was also fined $2,000 Wednesday.

Unlike his co-defendants, who were arrested in Lackawanna and Buffalo, al-Bakri was taken into custody in the Persian Gulf nation of Bahrain on Sept. 10, 2002.

Al-Bakri

Al-Bakri supporters said he and the others were tricked into attending the camp by recruiters who told them they would be learning about Islam and how to defend it. Prosecutors said they had no evidence the men were planning any imminent terrorist act.

Sentencing proceedings for the other members of the group are scheduled for later this month.

CAROLYN THOMPSON (AP)

Terrorism trials: More on the case against al-Bakri and the Lackawanna Six | washingtonpost.com/nation

Man to Face Charges in N.D. Student Case

CROOKSTON, MINN. | A convicted rapist suspected of abducting a college student 11 days ago waived extradition to North Dakota on Wednesday to face kidnapping charges, but authorities still appeared no closer to finding the victim.

Authorities have not said if Rodriguez is cooperating in the search for 22-year-old Dru Sjodin, who remains missing. Earlier Wednesday, Grand Forks, N.D., Police Chief John Packett said police had searched Rodriguez's car and the home where he was staying with his mother in Crookston. They also released a photo of the car, hoping someone might remember details that could lead them to Sjodin.

As the court hearing was under way, hundreds of volunteers were out on foot and on all-terrain vehicles searching the Grand Forks area.

Sjodin, a University of North Dakota student, was last heard from Nov. 22 when her cell phone conversation cut off as she was leaving work at a Grand Forks mall. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: Seven in 10 Americans say they do not think the war that toppled Saddam Hussein has reduced the threat of terrorism, a poll released by the University of Maryland on Wednesday said. (AP)

HEARSAY | TIME FOR TEAMWORK?

"The war on terrorism is not just an American cause .... No matter how much power we have, we cannot prevail single-handedly."

—SEN. JOHN KERRY, D-MASS.
ON PRESIDENT BUSH'S ANTI-TERRORISM POLICIES, WHICH HE CALLED "RECKLESS" DURING A SPEECH IN WASHINGTON ON WEDNESDAY.

Lawyer Appointed For U.S. Detainee

WASHINGTON | An Australian prisoner at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, has become the first foreign terrorist suspect to be given a U.S. military lawyer, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

Marine Corps Maj. Michael Mori will represent David Hicks. Hicks is one of six prisoners at the Navy base in Cuba that President Bush named as possible candidates for trial by a special military tribunal for terrorism suspects. (AP)

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Nation

Military Mistake Delays Chaplain Case

Classified documents inadvertently bundled with trial documents

WASHINGTON | Mishandling of classified information by the legal staff at America's prison for terrorism suspects undermines the military's case against a Muslim chaplain charged with security breaches, his lawyer said Wednesday.

Army Capt. James Yee had been scheduled to face the military version of a preliminary hearing Tuesday at Fort Benning, Ga., on charges he mishandled secret information at the U.S. prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

But the hearing was postponed after prosecutors discovered that legal staff at Guantanamo had mistakenly included a classified document in investigation packets delivered to Yee's attorney and the hearing officer, Army Lt. Col. Bill Costello of the U.S. Southern Command said Wednesday.

Yee

Yee's attorney, Eugene Fidell, said the development shows the government case should be dismissed.

"I am wondering how they can with a straight face persist in prosecuting him when they don't themselves know what's classified and what isn't," he said.

The military's high-security prison holds some 660 detainees from more than 40 countries. Since September, four people who worked at Guantanamo have been arrested on charges ranging from espionage to adultery. PAULINE JELINEK (AP)

WAITING ROOM | END OF THE LINE?

BEBETO MATTHEWS/AP

POTTY PARITY: It could be anywhere, but in this case women are waiting to use the restroom Wednesday at Rockefeller Center in New York. Although it didn't shorten this line, a bill introduced by members of the New York City Council calls for buildings to have more restrooms set aside for women.

Judges Question Possibility of Fair Moussaoui Trial

RICHMOND, VA. | Federal appeals judges on Wednesday sharply questioned whether terrorism defendant Zacarias Moussaoui can receive a fair trial while the government denies him testimony from al Qaeda witnesses he says could exonerate him.

During a hearing on the fairness and death-penalty issues that have delayed trial for the al Qaeda operative, the judges searched for a way to resolve a clash between defendants' rights and the government's ability to fight the war on terrorism.

U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema banned evidence connecting Moussaoui to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and barred prosecutors from seeking the death penalty after Moussaoui was refused access to al Qaeda prisoners. Prosecutors want that ruling reversed. (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

New Law Allows Cutting in Forests to Curb Wildfires

More timber and brush can be cut and cleared with less environmental scrutiny under a "Healthy Forests" law President Bush signed Wednesday. The measure seeks to speed up the harvesting of trees in overgrown woodlands and insect-infested trees on 20 million acres of federal forest land most at risk to wildfires by scaling back required environmental studies. Critics said the bill would let companies cut down large, old-growth trees in the name of fire prevention. (AP)

DENVER

Two Colo. Children Die of Flu

Two more Colorado children have died from the flu, raising the statewide total to at least five in an early outbreak that could be a sign of a severe flu season for the country, health officials said. The number of confirmed flu cases in Colorado has grown to more than 6,300, health officials said Wednesday — more than the number from the last two seasons combined. (AP)

CHICAGO

High-Rise Fire May Be Arson

Prosecutors are investigating the possibility that arson caused a deadly fire at a downtown Chicago high-rise. Debris from a closet on the building's 12th floor, where the fire originated, tested positive for gasoline, according to a report from the state police crime lab. The Oct. 17 fire killed six people who were trapped in stairwells and died of smoke inhalation. (AP)

December Highlights 2003

Exhibitions

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The exhibition is sponsored in part by Chevy Chase Bank.

Christoffer Wilhelm Eckersberg, 1783–1853

Through February 29

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Luminous works by the father of the "Golden Age" of Danish painting.

Organized by the National Gallery of Art, Washington, in collaboration with the Statens Museum for Kunst, Copenhagen, and the Royal Danish Embassy, Washington.

The exhibition is made possible by support from Her Majesty Queen Margrethe and His Royal Highness Prince Henrik's Fund, The Danish Ministry of Culture, Lockheed Martin, Augustinus Foundation, Bikuben Foundation, Scandinavian Airlines System, GroupIVFalck and The Wackenhut Corporation, Beckett Foundation, and Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Generous support for the catalogue of the exhibition was provided by The Honorable Edward E. Elson and Mrs. Elson.

The exhibition is supported by an indemnity from the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities.

The Age of Watteau, Chardin, and Fragonard

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The exhibition is made possible by The Florence Gould Foundation.

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Picasso

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An extraordinary series of portraits reveals a defining moment in the birth of cubism.

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Concertgoers are admitted (first-come, first-seated) to the West Building, West Garden Court, beginning at 6 pm; concerts begin at 7 pm. No one is admitted to the entrance (6th Street & Constitution Avenue) after 7 pm. Recorded information: (202) 842-6941.

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January 4
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December 14
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Brooklyn, New York

December 19, noon
The Potomac School Madrigal Singers
McLean, Virginia

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World

Rwandans Get Life in Prison

In first such case since Nuremberg, U.N. court convicts media figures

ARUSHA, TANZANIA | In the first trial of media workers by an international court in more than 50 years, a U.N. tribunal convicted and sentenced a radio news director and a newspaper editor to life in prison Wednesday for their role in promoting the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

A senior executive at the radio station, Radio Television Libre des Mille Collines, was also sentenced to 27 years in prison for his role in the government-orchestrated massacre of 500,000 minority Tutsis and politically moderate Hutus.

The convictions by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda were the first for broadcasters and publications promoting crimes against humanity since the Nuremberg trials of Nazi propagandists following World War II.

A three-judge panel ruled that Ferdinand Nahimana, former director of the Rwandan National Information Office and a founding member of the radio station, was fully aware of the power of his vitriolic broadcasts.

"You betrayed the trust placed in you as an intellectual leader," Judge Navanathem Pillay said. "Without a firearm, machete or any physical weapon, you caused the deaths of thousands of innocent civilians."

Hasan Ngeze, an editor of the newspaper Kangura, the main mouthpiece for Hutu extremism in Rwanda, was also sentenced to life in prison. "You poisoned the minds of your readers," Pillay told Ngeze.

Lawyers for Nahimana and Ngeze said they would appeal. (AP)

RUSSIA | BORROWING A BOLSHEVIK

ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/AP

PEDDLING LENIN: A man dressed like Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin drinks beer in Red Square in Moscow on Wednesday. Men posing as Lenin and other historical figures show up in Red Square to earn tips from tourists.

In Germany, Trial Starts For Suspected Cannibal

KASSEL, GERMANY | A computer expert accused of killing, dismembering and eating another man who allegedly agreed to the arrangement over the Internet went on trial for murder Wednesday in Germany.

Prosecutors in the city of Kassel accuse Armin Meiwes of killing a 43-year-old from Berlin, identified only as Bernd Juergen B., in March 2001 by stabbing him in the throat.

Prosecutors say the killing was carried out with the victim's consent. But they classified it as murder, not — as the defense argues would be appropriate — a form of mercy killing, saying the evidence indicates it was carried out at the suspect's initiative.

Meiwes

Meiwes, 42, who has confessed to the killing, could face life in prison if convicted.

The suspect allegedly chopped the body into pieces, deep-froze parts of it and buried the rest, capturing the crime on a videotape, which is being used as evidence. A verdict from the court is expected in February. (AP)

In Brief

BRITAIN

Oxford's All-Women College Votes to Stay That Way

Oxford University's last all-women college voted Wednesday not to admit men, dismissing arguments that it would help attract more staff and students. St. Hilda's College refused to reveal the breakdown of the vote among its 33 governors, but news reports said it was very close. It was the second time in eight months that the governing body had been polled on the matter. (AP)

INDONESIA

Dictator's Daughter Gets Nod

The daughter of former dictator Suharto appears to be eyeing the presidency. Siti Hardiyanti Rukmana's party said Wednesday it will nominate her for the top job. She'd be running against President Megawati Sukarnoputri — the daughter of Indonesia's founding President Sukarno, who was Suharto's predecessor. Suharto was ousted amid pro-democracy protests in 1998. (AP)

SAUDI ARABIA

Police Make First Arrest in Housing Compound Bombing

Police said Wednesday they arrested a suspect in a recent suicide car bombing and seized an arsenal of AK-47 assault rifles, explosives, grenade launchers and a surface-to-air missile. The arrest was the first in the bombing of the Muhaya housing compound in Riyadh on Nov. 8, which killed 17 people. (AP)

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Iraqi Council Leader Rejects U.S. Plan

New interim president says direct elections should be held in Iraq

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | The head of the Iraqi Governing Council renewed his demand Wednesday that a proposed transitional legislature be elected by Iraqi voters, a move opposed by U.S. occupation officials.

Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim, a Shiite Muslim cleric, holds the rotating presidency of the U.S.-appointed council for the month of December.

A Nov. 15 agreement between the council and L. Paul Bremer, the chief U.S. administrator, calls for caucuses in Iraq's 18 provinces to select the transitional legislature. But al-Hakim has insisted on a direct vote.

al-Hakim

"The assembly will be elected by the Iraqi people. This is what we are trying to achieve and that's what, God willing, will happen," he said.

The coalition believes that a rushed general election could hurt Iraq's democratization process and may be hijacked by extremist Muslim groups and members of Saddam's now-banned Baath party. SLOBODAN LEKIC (AP)

FRANCE | TROUBLED WATERS

GEORGES BARTOLI/REUTERS

TOWING ZONE: Workers attempt to tow a car out of floodwaters near Montpellier on Wednesday. As the death toll from the floods in southern France rose to five Wednesday, the French Defense Ministry said some 2,000 soldiers were being deployed to help evacuate residents.

Briton Charged in 'Shoe Bomber' Plot

LONDON | A 24-year-old British man was charged Wednesday with conspiring in an explosives plot with Richard Reid, the al Qaeda "shoe bomber" who tried to sabotage a U.S. airliner.

Sajid Badat, one of more than 20 people arrested since last week in a series of anti-terrorism raids, was charged with two additional explosives offenses, London's Metropolitan Police said. Details of the accusations against Badat were not released, but police said explosive material was found at his home in Gloucester. Police gave no indication of how or where Badat and Reid allegedly met.

Reid, a British national, was sentenced to life in prison for a Dec. 22, 2001, bombing attempt on a Paris-Miami American Airlines flight. (AP)

Region

Council Considers D.C. Smoking Ban

Schwartz encourages voluntary agreements with city businesses

WASHINGTON | Faced with the possibility that a stringent smoking ban could drive restaurant and bar patrons away from the nation's capital, several elected officials said Wednesday they support tax incentives for businesses that voluntarily go smoke-free.

"Restaurants (and) bars had $1.85 billion in sales in fiscal year 2002," said Councilwoman Carol Schwartz, R-At Large. That amounts to tax revenues of $185 million annually for the District of Columbia.

"We are not an island unto ourselves. Here, all smokers would have to do is ride 15 minutes to Virginia or into Prince George's County, Md., where they are certain to find smoking establishments," said Schwartz.

Schwartz

Schwartz has enlisted seven of her colleagues on the 13-member D.C. Council as co-sponsors of an alternative to a total ban. The measure would provide a tax credit equal to 15 percent of the sales tax liability a bar, restaurant or nightclub would owe the city in a given year.

D.C. Mayor Anthony A. Williams expressed concern that a compulsory smoking ban would encourage people to eat and drink elsewhere. A limited smoking ban in Maryland's Montgomery County exempts establishments in the cities of Rockville and Gaithersburg.

DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

Md. Students Will Have To Pass Tests to Graduate

BALTIMORE | Maryland high school students will have to take four assessment tests to earn diplomas, with the possibility that different types of diplomas will be granted based on the scores, a state board decided Wednesday.

Maryland State Board of Education members voted 9-2 for the change, despite fears that thousands of students may not receive diplomas when the requirement takes effect, possibly in 2009.

The tests will be in algebra, English, government and biology.

Students will be given multiple chances to take the tests.

The board is scheduled to make a final decision in May on whether to grant a diploma for high achieving students, another for students who have more difficulty passing the assessments — called a "Local High School Diploma" — and a special diploma for students who have special needs and struggle with the tests. BRIAN WITTE (AP)

Superintendent Retires After 6 Years

FAIRFAX, VA. | The leader of Virginia's largest school system announced his retirement Wednesday.

Domenech

Fairfax County Public Schools superintendent Daniel A. Domenech, who has held that position for the last six years, said he will return to New York City to care for his parents.

The elected School Board will be responsible for finding a replacement, though that is expected to be done in consultation with the Board of Supervisors.

The largest school system both in the state and in the Washington, D.C., area, Fairfax County has about 166,600 students. (AP)

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Region

Metro Dulles Plan In Flux After Vote

HERNDON, VA. | A financing plan for the $3.4 billion Dulles rail project began to crumble after the Herndon Town Council placed a major condition on its support of a new tax district.

The 23-mile Metrorail extension would link the region's two busiest job centers — downtown Washington and Tysons Corner — and help ease traffic problems in one of the nation's most congested areas. The plan also represented the rail's most significant foray into Fairfax County, which has only five full stops.

The financial plan would impose a 20 percent real estate tax increase on commercial properties along the train route. This special tax district would generate Fairfax County's $540 million share of the project, while the remainder would come from federal, state and other local sources.

But Tuesday night, the council approved the tax district — as long as the extension's first phase ended in Herndon rather than in Reston. Project supporters said the new measure was operationally and financially unfeasible.

"It will be built," former U.S. Sen. Charles Robb, a tax-district advocate, said of the extension. "It will just take longer and cost more." (AP)

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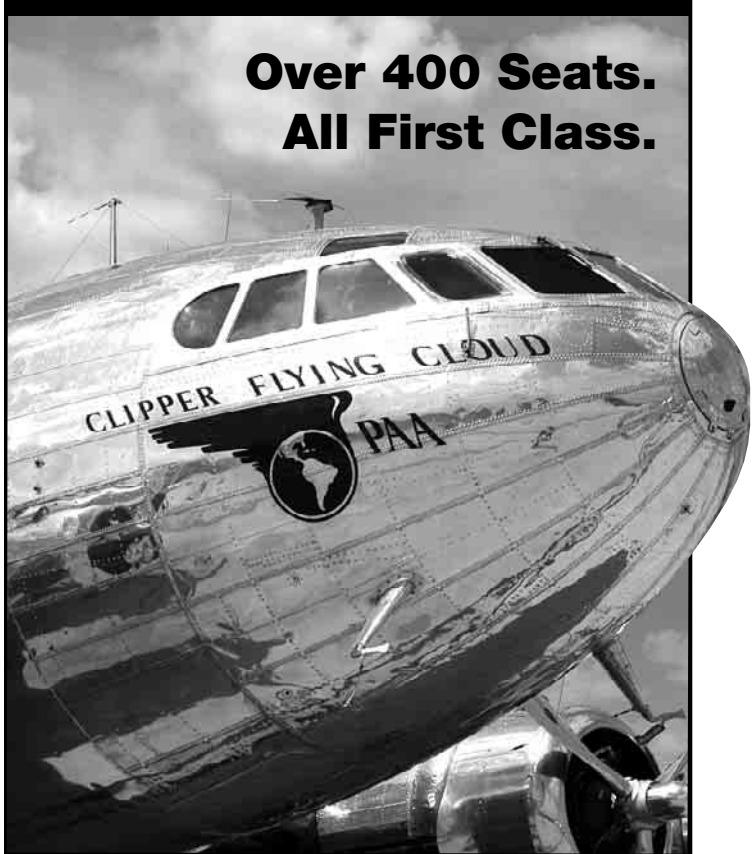

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MARKET WATCH

Nasdaq Hits 2,000, Dow Strong on Positive Reports

The Nasdaq flirted with 2,000 for the first time in nearly two years Wednesday and the Dow Jones industrials approached the 10,000 level as investors eagerly picked up stocks following a strong productivity report but then grew cautious. Analysts said investors were optimistic but choosing to take their time in sending stocks significantly higher. (AP)

RETAIL

Wal-Mart to End Signature Use of MasterCard Debits

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. will stop accepting signature debit cards issued by MasterCard starting in February, following a lawsuit settlement freeing merchants to choose which services they use. Wal-Mart said Wednesday that MasterCard's fees for the signature debit-card transactions are too high, but it will continue to accept MasterCard debits if the customer keys in a PIN. (AP)

LEGAL

Insurance Fraud Suit Planned

Allstate Insurance Co., Encompass Insurance and Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. said Tuesday they planned to file a $100 million lawsuit against 74 people connected to more than 3,000 no-fault auto insurance claims in New York. It would be the largest no-fault insurance fraud suit in state history. (AP)

Productivity Rate Hits 20-Year High

WASHINGTON | The productivity of America's workers soared by the largest amount in 20 years last quarter, raising hopes that the economic recovery is taking hold and businesses will soon be stepping up hiring.

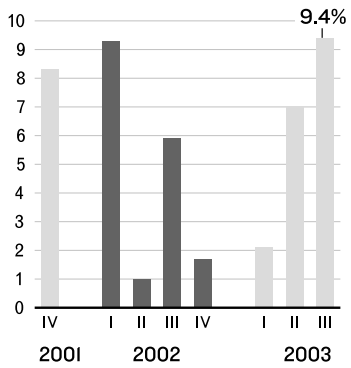
The Labor Department reported Wednesday that productivity — the amount an employee produces per hour of work — rocketed at an annual rate of 9.4 percent in the July-to-September quarter, the best showing since the second quarter of 1983.

For the economy's long-term health and for rising living standards, productivity gains are vital. They allow the economy to grow faster without triggering inflation. Companies can pay workers more without raising prices, which would eat up those wage gains. And productivity can bolster a company's profitability. JEANNINE AVERSA (AP)

Productivity

Here is a look at non-farm business productivity, percent change from previous quarter.

Seasonally adjusted



SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics AP

SEC Proposes Funds Pricing Cutoff

WASHINGTON | Federal regulators on Wednesday adopted new after-hour trading rules to curb an illegal trading practice that brings profits to a favored few shareholders.

The Securities and Exchange Commission voted 5-0 to propose a "hard cutoff" of 4 p.m. Eastern time for pricing of fund shares. The new rules are part of a planned overhaul of the way the $7 trillion mutual fund industry operates.

The proposal will be open for public comment for 60 days.

By going through brokerage firms and other third parties, some big investors, such as hedge funds, are able to cash in on after-hours news ahead of most shareholders, who at that hour would be forced to chance buying at the next day's closing price. MARCY GORDON (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Goodyear	7.52	+.73	+10.8
Visteon	9.01	+.84	+10.3
SvceCp	5.34	+.49	+10.1
GpoTMM A	3.67	+.32	+9.6
LaBrnch	8.56	+.71	+9.0

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Solutia	2.45	-.28	-10.3
CapitlSr n	21.35	-2.35	-9.9
NovaStar s	40.30	-3.92	-8.9
Friedmans	6.09	-.52	-7.9
Wescol	8.31	-.71	-7.9

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Nanogen	5.74	+1.95	+51.5
ChinaRes	6.86	+2.00	+41.1
Physmtrx	2.44	+.68	+38.6
Crssrds	3.35	+.70	+26.4
Onvia.com	5.40	+1.07	+24.7

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
CareerEd s	39.48	-15.28	-27.9
ADECp	19.48	-5.57	-22.2
Bluef y	3.80	-.74	-16.3
Finisar	3.30	-.62	-15.8
Synovis	23.01	-3.98	-14.7

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+19.78	-19.82	-1.89
+0.20	-1.00	-0.18
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Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
BcBilVArg	12.48	+.08	+28.5
BcoSnCH	10.89	+.12	+54.5
BankOne	45.00	+.80	+23.1
Bk of Am	75.45	-.36	+8.5
Barclay	35.33	+.19	+43.0
DeutschBk	75.80	+3.90	+66.9
FleetBost	40.67	-.19	+67.4
HSBC	76.39	+.39	+38.9
JPMorgCh	35.82	+.01	+49.3
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Wachovia	45.91	-.39	+26.0
WA Mutl	44.22	-.44	+28.1
WellsFrgo	56.75	-.42	+21.1

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.92	0.92
2-year	2.08	1.92
10-year	4.41	4.25
30-year	5.19	4.07

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	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5790	.5784	.6376
Canadian Dollar	1.2997	1.2987	1.5560
European Euro	.8262	.8277	1.0043
Japanese Yen	108.12	108.78	124.61
Mexican Peso	11.2590	11.3200	10.1775
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Sports

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Washington Post staff writer **STEVEN GOFF** was online Wednesday to discuss the future of D.C. United and Major League Soccer.

My own take on this situation is that Ray Hudson probably deserved another shot as head coach based on how well D.C. United was playing right before Ben Olsen's injury seemed to shut the offense down. But, the repeated egregious actions of the players made it hard to root for the team. Do you know if this problem had any effect on the decision?

Injuries hampered DCU's efforts all season, but according to management, Hudson didn't squeeze enough out of the players with which he was left. Wins-losses, lack of chemistry, surrounding himself with nefarious characters — it all added up to his dismissal.

Why can't Bruce Arena re-take the reins of D.C. United? As a season ticket holder, I see him at practically all of the home games anyway. So he's already there. Why wouldn't it be possible for him to do double duty with the national team?

Bruce is going to very busy with the national team starting next year. He has no time for the headaches of Major League Soccer.

Freddy Adu is the new poster boy for D.C. United and surely will be the focus of a major ad campaign to get more fannies in the seats. Do you think the new coach will be told to play Freddy early and often, even if he is not ready for prime-time leg-breaking tackles at 15?

I would imagine a new coach would be given full control over Adu's playing time. Certainly, there will be marketing pressures to get the kid on the field, but from all indications, he will play right away (maybe not start, but certainly get into the match).

Any truth to the rumor that Freddy Adu walked across the Atlantic for the Under-20 Tourney?

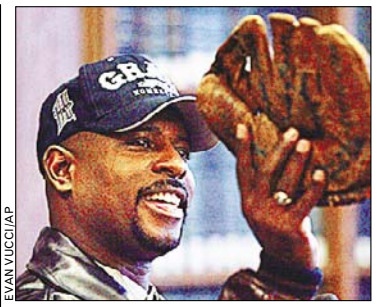
According to sources close to Neptune and Poseidon, Adu actually used Water Wings.

Artifacts Moving to District

New Hall of Fame will focus on baseball stars from 'Colored Leagues'

PRO FOOTBALL | Al Burrows wore the same New York Black Yankees jersey he wore 49 years ago in the Negro Leagues. On the table lay a weathered glove worn for eight years by Satchel Paige.

Recently discovered artifacts nearly a century old were scattered throughout — box scores, ledgers, photos and letters. Preserved unknowingly for decades in a suitcase, they are the remnants of the so-called Colored Leagues.



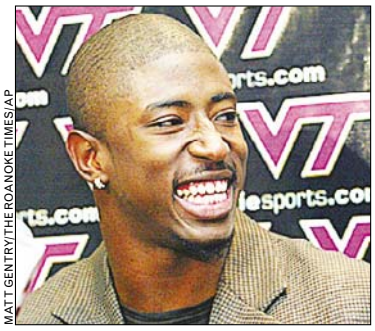
EVAN VUCCI/AP

New Hall of Fame founder Dwayne Sims holds Satchel Paige's old glove.

Many of those will find a permanent home in the new Negro League Legends Hall of Fame, to be built in Washington. Groundbreaking is scheduled for next year, with opening day set for 2006.

There already is a Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Mo., and the history of black baseball is documented in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. The new Hall of Fame will be a supplement, focusing more on individuals.

The discovery of some pre-Negro Leagues history fascinated those gathered at Howard University for the Hall's announcement Wednesday. Records once belonging to Rutherford Hayes Jones, who owned the Washington Giants in the early 20th Century, had been found in a suitcase and turned over to Dwayne Sims, founder of the new Hall of Fame. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



MATT GENTRY/THE ROANOKE TIMES/AP

Kevin Jones announces that he will leave Va. Tech for the 2004 NFL draft.

Va. Tech's Jones Makes It Official: He's Going Pro

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | With his family, teammates and coaches looking on, Virginia Tech junior tailback Kevin Jones tearfully confirmed Wednesday what everyone was expecting most of the season.

"It is time for me to take the next step in my life, and that step is the NFL," Jones said.

Jones, a 6-foot, 221-pound junior from Chester, Pa., leaves Virginia Tech with 3,322 rushing yards and 34 touchdowns.

Jones, 21, told reporters he decided a few days ago that he couldn't risk getting hurt playing another year in college. (AP)

WHO KNEW? The Capitals on Tuesday became the last team in the NHL to win consecutive games this season when Washington defeated the New York Islanders, 4-1. (EXPRESS)

Ramsey Reinjures Foot, May Miss Giants Game

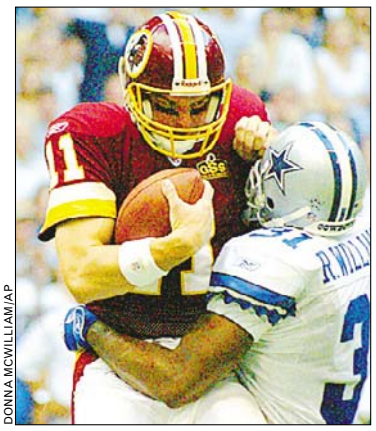
PRO FOOTBALL | Washington quarterback Patrick Ramsey reinjured his right foot at the end of practice Wednesday when he slipped on a dirt patch during a throwing drill.

The second-year quarterback left practice early for X-rays, and his status will be evaluated later in the week.

"He practiced about all day and right at the end of practice, he slipped," coach Steve Spurrier said. "He sort of tweaked his foot a little bit, and our trainers wanted to take him in to get a little treatment."

It was the first practice in nearly two weeks for Ramsey, who has been hampered by the flare-up of an old fracture.

Before the practice began, Ramsey was listed as questionable for Sunday's game against the New York Giants. If he can't play, Tim Hasselbeck will make his second straight start. (AP)



DONNA MCWILLIAM/AP

Patrick Ramsey is sacked by Cowboys safety Roy Williams on Nov. 2.

Looking ahead: Mark Maske previews Sunday's Redskins-Giants game | washingtonpost.com/liveonline at 10:45 a.m.

Today's TV Lineup

PRO HOCKEY (7:30 p.m. on Comcast) Jaromir Jagr has scored in 12 straight games and Robert Lang has scored in 16 straight for the Washington Capitals, who visit the New Jersey Devils.

PRO HOCKEY (7:30 p.m. on ESPN) The Detroit Red Wings and St. Louis Blues take to the ice.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN2) Miami (Ohio) and Bowling Green play for the MAC Championship.

PRO BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on TNT) Allen Iverson, who is leading the NBA with 28.8 points per game, and the Philadelphia 76ers host the Chicago Bulls.

PRO BASKETBALL (9:30 p.m. on TNT) The L.A. Lakers try to become the first team to beat the Dallas Mavericks in Dallas.

In Brief

PRO BASKETBALL

Trail Blazers Ship Wells to Grizzlies For Person, Pick

Volatile forward Bonzi Wells was traded by the Portland Trail Blazers to the Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday for guard Wesley Person and a 2004 first-round draft pick. Wells is averaging 12.2 points, 4.7 rebounds and 2.7 assists this season, but he was stripped of his captaincy and suspended for two games for cursing at coach Maurice Cheeks. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Source: Red Sox Set to Hire Francona as New Manager

Terry Francona will be hired as Boston's new manager, a source told The Associated Press, reuniting pitcher Curt Schilling with his former boss in a push to bring the Red Sox their first World Series title since 1918. The Red Sox scheduled a Thursday news conference at which they will announce Francona's hiring, a baseball source said Wednesday on the condition of anonymity. Francona, 44, managed Philadelphia through four losing seasons from 1997-2000. (AP)

Francona

PRO HOCKEY

Red Wings Place Goalie Joseph on Waiver Wire

Curtis Joseph was put on waivers Wednesday by the Detroit Red Wings, who have tried for months to find a new home for the veteran goaltender. If a team claims Joseph by noon Thursday, it will assume the remaining portion of his two-year, $16-million contract. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Cubs Sign Reliever Hawkins To $11 Million Contract

The Chicago Cubs confirmed Wednesday they have agreed to terms with free agent LaTroy Hawkins. The deal, which includes a player option for 2006, guarantees the pitcher $11 million over three years. Hawkins, who turns 31 later this month, was 9-3 with a 1.86 ERA in 77 1/3 innings for the Minnesota Twins. He had 75 strikeouts, and didn't allow a run in 20 games from July 31 to Sept. 14. (AP)

WeekendPass

Let There Be Light

The country's monthlong holiday party kicks off with a sparkling ceremony

OUT & ABOUT | Behold our National Christmas Tree, a 40-foot Colorado blue spruce offered to the capital city by friends in Pennsylvania after it "fell off the back of a truck."

Not really. The live tree has been in use since 1978 and is hale and hearty, despite the indignity of being draped with a net of lights (which, if you ask us, is a bit of a cheat on the Park Services Department's part) and bedecked with giant hubcaps year after year.

The lighting of the tree, taking place Thursday, is only a symbol, to be sure, but it genuinely evokes a sense of peace, a possibility of hope, feelings of national unity and regional identity. Also: Lynne Cheney swooping around in a cherry-picker. Good times.

This year's tree-lighting ceremony features a crowd-pleasing roster of performers: the U.S. Coast Guard Band, the international children's choir Voena, Miss Shirley Jones, Merlin Olsen as Santa Claus, soprano Twyla Robinson, the country band Lonestar and — wait for it — the cast of "Mamma Mia!"

Afternoon and evening programs extend throughout the month: Come for the Girl Scouts, stay for the Viking Singers; hope for the Buttons and Bellow Accordion Band; end up with bell ringers (who always seem to be tinkling when we visit).

Tickets to the ceremony are gone, but the tree is steadfast, and the scene on the Ellipse — the sputtering yule log, the nativity, the 56 state and territory trees, and the serene rounds of the model-train set (which pageantofpeace.org ominously points out will "run on time") — is there to be enjoyed all season long. Say hi to the bell ringers for us. (EXPRESS)

The Ellipse, Thu., Dec. 4, 5 p.m., gates open for ticketholders at 3:30 p.m.; (202) 208-1631.

SUSAN BIDDLE/TWP

ALL IS CALM, ALL IS BRIGHT: The 2002 National Christmas Tree in all its hubcapped glory, complete with snow.

Top Stops

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Jingle All the Way: Arthritis Run

You say we should dress up in seasonal costume, tie bells to our shoes and dash through town in broad daylight? What a great idea! Oh, you mean the Jingle Bell Run and Walk to raise money for arthritis research. All righty then.

Old Post Office Pavilion, Pennsylvania Avenue and 12th Street NW; Sat., Dec. 6, 9 a.m., $30, $10 children; runwashington.com or arthritis.org.

Ungrasped Melody: NSO's Kinderkonzert

Even kids who can't grasp the Barney tune will delight in the National Symphony Orchestra Kinderkonzert, "Who's Got the Melody?" The NSO's Unlikely Trio teaches children ages 4 and up about melody.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Sat., Dec. 6, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., $14; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

Zebrahead: Welcome to the O.C.

Dismayed by the prevalence of ska in their native Orange County, the surly young men of Zebrahead formed a punk-rap group, if only to outshout their competitors.

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m., $10; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)

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BEN CLARK

"Hello, Mom? For the last time we're not that ska band with the blonde!"

Changes: Singer David Bowie reinvents himself, this time as an ordinary bloke with a wry take on modern life.

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Keeper of the flame: The Suzanne Farrell Ballet preserves — and plays with — Balanchine's works.

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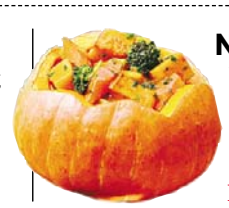

No cold comfort here: Warm up this season with a couple of stews filled with vibrant autumn flavors.

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WE'RE HERE FOR OUR NAME: Bits of Pere Ubu and Television form the new RFTT.

Tomb With a View

MUSIC | Rocket From the Tombs was an art-punk band so mind-blowing, so unstable — and so obscure — that another group (Rocket From the Crypt) all but stole their name and their manic showmanship to make a career longer-running than that of the original band.

But imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and it helped keep the myth alive. Now the reconstituted band is back to show the upstarts how it's done.

Formed in Cleveland in the mid '70s, the myth outran the actual visibility of Rocket From the Tombs.

The band's singer, Crocus Behemoth (aka David Thomas, later the leader of the semi-legendary Pere Ubu) was a rotund, nest-headed nutcase who was known to spray-paint himself and wrap his considerable girth in aluminum foil. (He was also secretly an entertainment reporter — go team!)

Guitarist Peter Laughner was a gifted songwriter who became one of the punk era's earliest drug-related casualties. Cheetah Chrome, Johnny "Madman" Madansky and Craig Bell rounded out the group and later formed notable punk bands the Dead Boys and the Styrenes.

For the current incarnation, the surviving members of RFTT are joined by Richard Lloyd of Television and Steve Mehlman of Pere Ubu.

The beauty of a reunion after two and a half decades is that with nothing left to prove, the band has only one reason to play: for the fun of it. And maybe to steal back the myth — and the name. BOB MASSEY

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW, Sun., Dec. 7, 8:30 p.m., $13; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

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NICE HOG: David Copperfield makes audience members' dreams come true. We'd like to meet Claudia Schiffer. Warner Theatre, 1299 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Fri.-Sat., Dec. 5-6; $31.50-$56.50; 202-783-4000. (Metro Center)

TopStops

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Now Landing: Laguardia

Buck's County, Penn., is known as a pretty artsy place, but that didn't stop Laguardia from making sterling, uncorruptable pop-rock that's as accessible as it is ambitious. The tunes burrow into your brain like earwigs, and the anguished, complex arrangements could be the stuff of far more seasoned bands. And they have a song called "Duct Tape." Just saying. With Apollo Sunshine, Palomar and Cordalene.

Velvet Lounge, 915 U St. NW; Thu., Dec. 4; 202-462-3213. (U St.-Cardozo)

Laguardia acts suspiciously nonchalant about its spectacular future.

Cuisine Arts and Craft: Tom Colicchio Cooks

Tom Colicchio whips up a five-course dinner and tells you why as he shares from his book, "Craft of Cooking: Notes and Recipes From a Restaurant Kitchen." Colicchio is the chef and owner of New York City's Craft, a do-it-yourself dining experience for hands-on foodies.

National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW; Thu., Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m., $70, reservations required; 202-662-7638 or fourthestate@press.org.

En Garde, Sis: Swordplay Workshop

The Folger Shakespeare Library begins its three-week program of all things Elizabeth I-related with a — and we're going to have to quote here — "performance workshop" for "families." It is called "Elizabethan Swordplay." We'll just let you contemplate that.

Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 E. Capitol St. SE; Sat., Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-noon; $10; 202-554-7077. (Capitol South).

True Stories

FILM | Two wildly different but equally impressive documentaries screen this weekend. One is a one-night-stand at a nightclub as a celebration of sorts, the other a searing look at life and consequences on the mean streets.

Black Cat hosts a screening of Kerri Loch's documentary "Don't Need You," which traces the history of the so-called "riot grrrl" movement from its inception — roughly the moment Bikini Kill singer Kathleen Hannah roared, "Us punk rock whores don't need you!"

The film features interviews with Hannah, Corin Tucker of the band Sleater-Kinney, Fugazi's Ian MacKaye and others who witnessed the movement's rise from the early '90s punk scenes. Allison Wolfe, an early riot grrrl activist and singer of the band Bratmobile, will emcee the showing. (BOB MASSEY)

ON VALENTINE'S DAY in Brazil — June 12, 2000 — a handful of Rio de Janeiro residents boarded a bus.

What happened next riveted a nation. A young hijacker commandeered Bus 174 while a horrified country watched the four-hour-plus ordeal on television.

Hijacker Sandro do Nascimento and a hostage during the seige of Bus 174.

In "Bus 174," Documentarian Jose Padilha reconstructed the hijacking from news footage and traffic cameras, and pieced together the hijacker's tragic history as well. The result is less a portrait of a criminal act than of a society that made the act, if not inevitable, distressingly plausible. (EXPRESS)

"Don't Need You"; Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW, Thu., Dec. 4, 9 p.m., $5; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

"Bus 174," Visions Cinema, 1927 Florida Ave. NW; opens Dec. 5, $9; 202-667-0090. (Dupont Circle)

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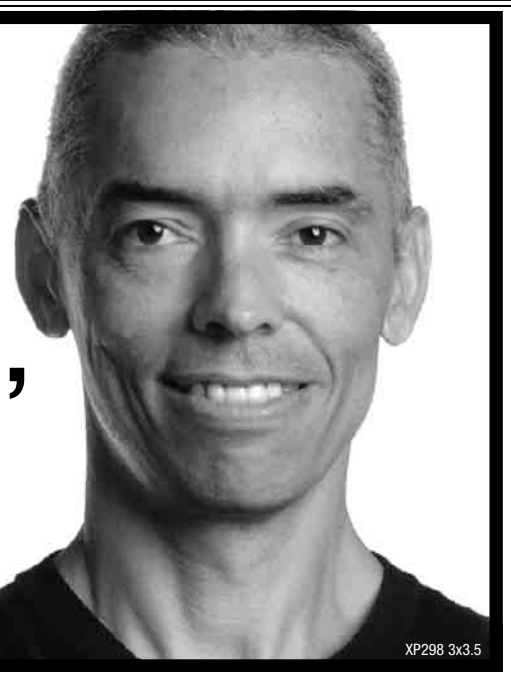

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"Sphota Probe" is a work by performance poet Alex Caldiero and dancer Maida Withers that tries to capture the moment when thoughts crystallize into words or movement.

The piece opens the D.C. 9th International Improvisation Plus+ Festival, which runs this weekend and next. Dancers and musicians from around the globe join locals such as saxman Peter Fraize to perform their own spontaneous interpretations of the work.

DANIELLE WHITE

On a Metro car near you: Maida Withers and Katia Cupashko perform.

When the festival continues next weekend, look for "Redline Revisited," a theater work to take place on the Metro between Union Station and Friendship Heights station. Also, the dance and music piece "act (Re) act" involves some of the area's most ambitious performing artists.

Both weekends feature public workshops for brave souls.

And if you encounter people dancing in bookstores or singing in restaurants, check the festival program. In an act of scheduling improvisation, performers are openly invited to join the festival lineup. BOB MASSEY

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OUT & ABOUT | The performers of the Washington Revels explore ritual celebrations of various world cultures in their joyous seasonal stage art, which brings together song, dance, storytelling and drama.

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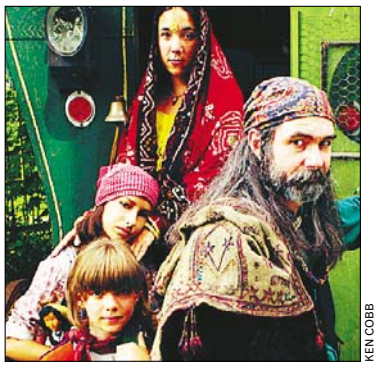
At the GWU shows this weekend and next, the Revelers will enact this epic history in an exuberant show that folds in a Diwali celebration, a Feast of Ramadan, a Romanian Christmas and the lively folk dances of the Balkans.



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Revelers suited up as Romani.

The Khanci Dos Budapest Band and flamenco artist Anna Menendez also appear. (EXPRESS)

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HOST WITH THE MOST: Bruce Bruce, looking spruce, welcomes suave urbanites.

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OUT & ABOUT | A traveling urban festival geared toward grownups with something in their wallets who are still light on their feet, the Comedy Soul Festival brings its can't-miss mix to the nation's capital.

The "soul" part is the bailiwick of classic acts Earth, Wind & Fire and the Isley Brothers. The "comedy" will be briskly dispatched by some of the funniest practitioners of the art form.

Your host is the overweight lover Bruce Bruce (from Black Entertainment Television's "Comic View" and such films as "The Wash"), whom the ladies adore as much for his sharp clothes as for his smooth talk. Rickey Smiley ("Friday After Next"), comedy queen Adele Givens ("Queens of Comedy," "The Hughleys") and the ground-shaking Earthquake round out the bill.

But the Comedy Soul Festival's biggest achievement — aside from Bruce Bruce, of course — is in pulling together strands of pop-culture pleasure that serve and satisfy an older urban audience in these hip-hop-soaked times.

This evening is just what the fun-loving sophisticate wants: classic soul and R&B, comedy in a variety of styles and a host so nice they named him twice. (EXPRESS)

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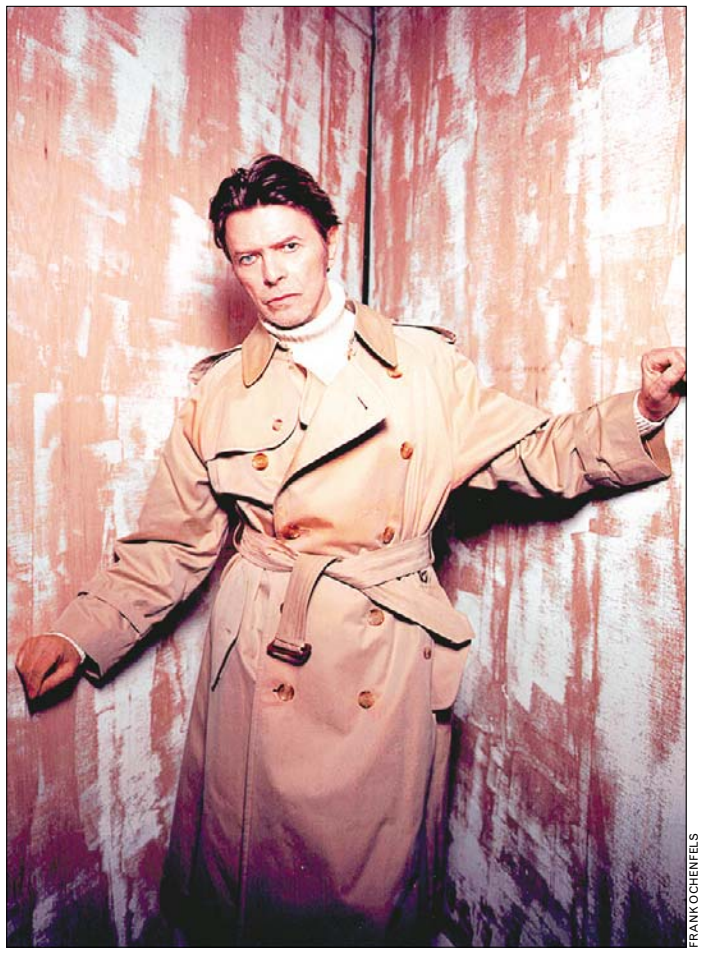

FRANK OCHENFELS

REALITY CHECK: David Bowie has adopted so many outrageous personas, it's a bit of a shock to see him as an English gentleman. He's touring on the strength of his latest album, stodgily called "Reality." Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax; Sun., Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m., $48-$58.50; 800-432-7328.

TopStops

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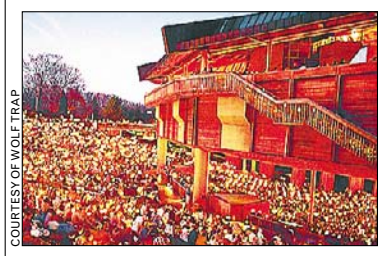

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Friday in The Washington Post

Playing Santa
Richard Harrington finds that area clubs are spilling over with holiday benefit concerts, and not just for ElfAid. | *Nightwatch*

House, Senate & Hearth
Home cooking on Capitol Hill? Eve Zibart has the password to one of D.C.'s coziest spots. | *Fare Minded*

Final Fantasies
Desson Thomson previews the winter's crop of big-screen offerings. Between "Harry Potter" and "Lord of the Rings," we predict a lot of standing in line. | *Cover*

The Muse's Voice

Suzanne Farrell has a witty take on Balanchine's works

DANCE | It took some wobbling around on fragile cygnet legs before the Suzanne Farrell Ballet could call itself a real dance company. But four years after a game but uneven performance as part of the Kennedy Center's 1999 Balanchine Celebration, the fledgling troupe has emerged as a strong and confident swan.

The transformation was something of a mirror image of Farrell's own metamorphosis. She was an exquisite, and exquisitely malleable, muse to George Balanchine's benign monster while he directed and she danced for the New York City Ballet in the 1960s. And who better to stage the master's works, long after his 1983 death, than the woman whose very existence inspired them?

But although Farrell did begin her second career carefully preserving the legendary choreographer's most beloved pieces, she has since branched out.

After founding her own troupe (with help from the Kennedy Center), Farrell began to organize programs that comment playfully or philosophically upon Balanchine's oeuvre.

ROMANCE LANGUAGE: Jennifer Fournier and Peter Boal in "Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux."

JON NOLAN

In this weekend's program, she presents the fraught "Mozartiana" next to the trifling glories of "Waltz of the Flowers" and the majesty of "Serenade" (perhaps Balanchine's best-known work).

Another program, "The Balanchine Couple," features various pas de deux with virtually nothing in common — neo-classical rigor meets crisp warhorse showpieces — except for the fact that they are danced by two people, and, most importantly, created by the same man. (EXPRESS)

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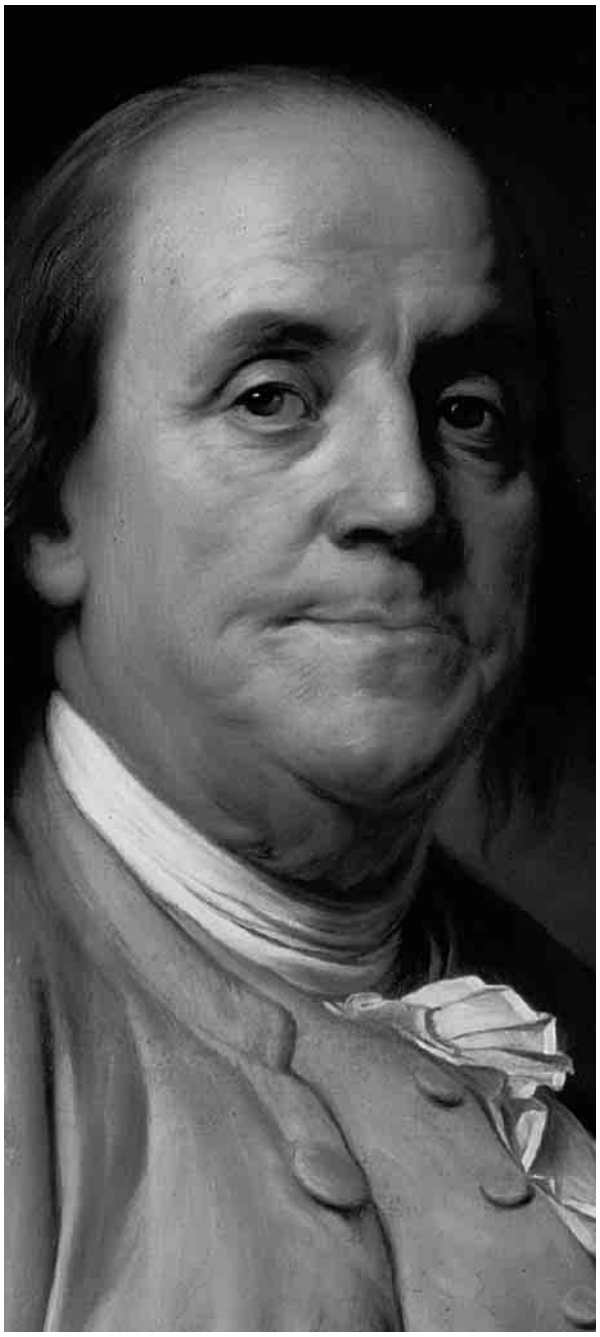

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Golden Root Vegetable Stew

3 tablespoons olive oil

3 carrots, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch slices, about 1 1/2 cups

2 parsnips, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch slices, about 2 cups

2 potatoes, cut into bite-size chunks, about 2 cups

1 leek, sliced, about 2 cups

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into bite-size chunks, about 2 cups

13 3/4-ounce can vegetable broth

3/4 cup water

2 teaspoons hot pepper sauce

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup broccoli florets or green beans, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces

1 tablespoon flour

Chopped parsley for garnish

➔ Cook carrots in 1 tablespoon oil, in 4-quart saucepan over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, until lightly browned.

➔ Remove to bowl with slotted spoon. Add 1 tablespoon oil to saucepan. Add parsnips; cook until lightly browned, stirring frequently. Remove to bowl with slotted spoon. Add 1 tablespoon oil to saucepan. Add potatoes; cook, stirring frequently. Add leeks and garlic; cook until lightly browned.

➔ Add butternut squash, vegetable broth, 1/2 cup water, hot pepper sauce and salt. Heat to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 25 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in broccoli; simmer 5 minutes.

➔ Stir flour and remaining 1/4 cup water in a cup until smooth. Stir into stew. Heat to boiling over high heat, stirring until mixture is thickened.

➔ Serve stew in a small, hollowed-out squash, such as golden nugget or acorn, if desired.

➔ Sprinkle with chopped parsley.

MAKES 6 SERVINGS.

AP

Autumn Beef Barley Stew

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

2 pounds beef, cut into 1-inch pieces

2 onions, sliced

4 cups water

1/2 cup medium barley

1 tablespoon hot pepper sauce

2 teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves

10-ounce container Brussels sprouts, halved

1 yellow squash, cut lengthwise in half and sliced

1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved

➔ Heat oil in 4-quart saucepan over medium-high heat. Add beef, half at a time, and cook until browned on all sides, removing pieces to plate as they brown. Cook onions in drippings remaining in pan over medium heat until tender, stirring occasionally.

➔ Add reserved browned beef, water, barley, Tabasco sauce, salt and oregano. Heat to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 1 hour or until beef is tender, stirring occasionally.

➔ Stir in Brussels sprouts, yellow squash and cherry tomatoes. Heat to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally.

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AWARD SHOWS

If Tom Hanks Wins, I Quit

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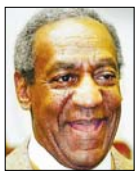

The new award category was created for the awards' 30th anniversary. A nationwide poll conducted by the Gallup Organization determines the winners. Charlie Sheen and Jon Cryer will host the live CBS telecast from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, scheduled for Jan. 1. (AP)

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CHRIS POLK/AP

AWARD SHOWS

Stormy Weather

Wan funnyman **DAVID SPADE** was in charge at Spike TV's first-ever Video Game Awards ceremony, held at the MGM Grand Garden Arena and airing tonight. **PAMELA ANDERSON**, Lil' Kim and a squad of costumed Stormtroopers from "Star Wars" had cameos. The video game of the year was "Madden NFL 2004." (AP)

SECRETS

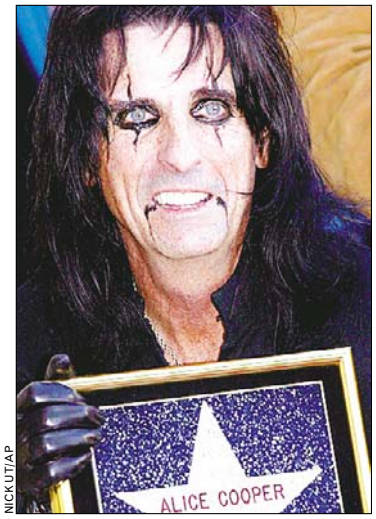
Using Those Spy Skills

The CIA agent whose identity was leaked to the media posed for Vanity Fair photographs with her ex-diplomat husband, Joseph C. Wilson, in their Jaguar convertible. **VALERIE PLAME**, who has refused to speak to the media about her ordeal, is wearing a head scarf and sunglasses in the picture to obscure her image. (AP)

EXPECTING

Gwyneth Procreates

GWYNETH PALTROW and boyfriend Chris Martin are expecting their first child next summer, her publicist said Wednesday. The couple were "pleased" to confirm the pregnancy, publicist Stephen Huvane said in a statement. He declined to say whether there were wedding plans. The 31-year-old actress has been dating Martin, frontman for the British band Coldplay, for the past year. Both have been reticent about publicly discussing their relationship. In a recent interview with the British Broadcasting Corp., Paltrow said she hopes to marry but wouldn't reveal whether that aspiration extended to the 26-year-old Martin. (AP)



NICK UT/AP

Cooper, moved to tears by his new friend.

BUDS

Little Star, I Wuv You

ALICE COOPER showed up in full makeup to receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame Tuesday. Cooper, 55, signed autographs and posed with a fan's pet python around his neck. "I promise every time I walk down this street I will polish that little star," he said. (AP)

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

DON'T THESE MEMBERS of Congress have anything better to do than to try to put Ronald Reagan's face and name on everything in the United States (People, Dec. 3)? He already has an airport and a federal building.

Shouldn't they be spending their time with more productive legislation, such as protecting our environment or helping to create jobs for all the unemployed in our nation?

—DOUG BRADSHAW
Germantown, Md.

I WAS SHOCKED to read that Metro gave itself an "A" rating for its escalator service ("Metro Gives Itself a Perfect Score," Dec. 1). I think the folks at Metro should have given themselves an "A++." I have their four-star escalator service to thank for a number of health problems.

I would like to thank the escalator at Fort Totten for shutting off when I was midway up and dislocating my knee, and a special thanks to the escalator at West Hyattsville station for shutting off midway down and throwing my back out.

Having to walk up and down escalators that don't work — because the elevator isn't working, either — is just the icing on the cake.

—AMY JAMES
Mt. Rainier, Md.

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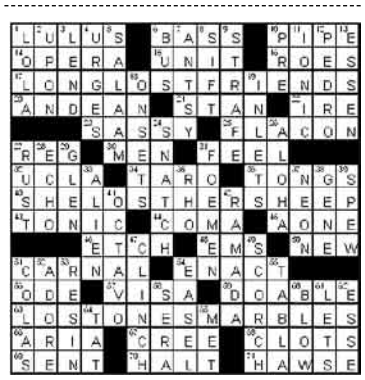
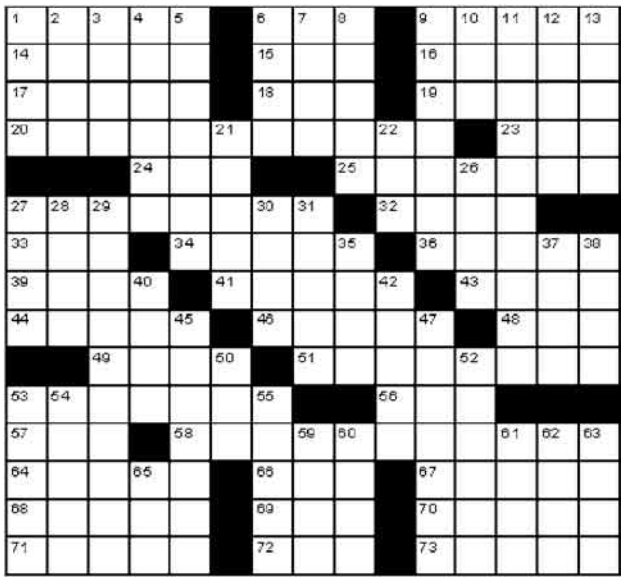


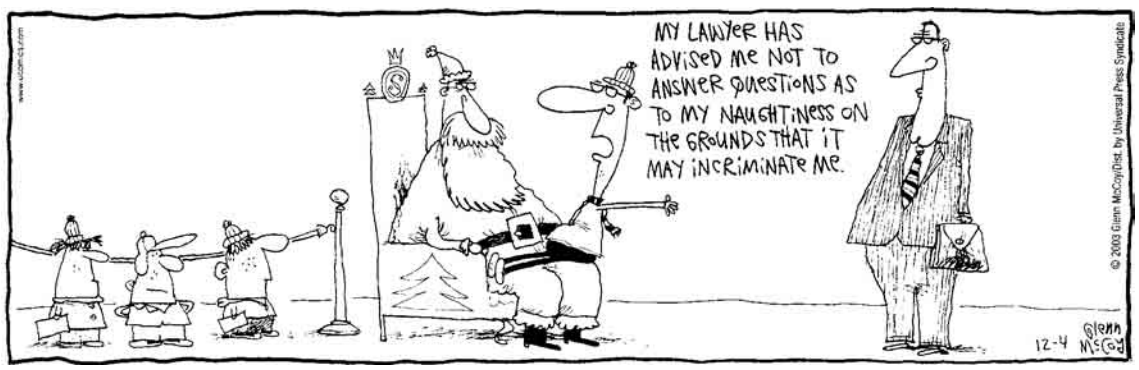
Crossword Puzzle: What's the Matter? | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*



ACROSS
1 Campus figures, briefly
6 Ceylon Black, e.g.
9 "Animal House" party wear
14 Spine-tingling
15 Shade provider
16 "Halt, salt!"
17 NASCAR competitor
18 Barents, for one
19 Unpleasant, as weather
20 Tubeless tube
23 Toothpaste type
24 Preschooler
25 High level of respectability
27 Psychopathy
32 Santa ___, California
33 In addition
34 Slumber
36 Beachhead of 1/22/1944
39 First name in jazz
41 Mortise mate
43 Baseball's Felipe or Moises
44 Kind of pollution
46 Endured
48 Clinton has two
49 Jackknife, e.g.
51 Military base kid
53 Attacks
56 Vanna turnover, perhaps
57 Welcome ___
58 Expensive bottle of wine, perhaps?
64 Dodge
66 Coffee holder
67 Salt away
68 Famous Ross
69 Put two and two together
70 Appalachian, e.g.
71 Dancing Astaire
72 Wall Street order
73 Jed Clampett, e.g.

DOWN
1 Police slang for guilty party
2 Type of number
3 Killer whale
4 Spanish celebration
5 Sunday deliveries
6 Makeup, for one
7 Atlas abbr.
8 Stockpile
9 Blast of a trumpet
10 Eggs, in a lab
11 Hardly economical transport
12 September bloom
13 Strunk & White concern
21 Not exactly vertical
22 And so on (Abbr.)
26 Albacore
27 Major Fla.-Calif. hwy.
28 ___ contendere
29 Type of electronic device
30 Golf props
31 Busybody
35 Shoddy in quality
37 New Rochelle college
38 Expel
40 Bhutan setting
42 Wanderer
45 Wicked look
47 Shang or Xia
50 Inventor Whitney
52 Nightclub
53 One-celled organism
54 "___ by the bell!"
55 Fledgling pigeon
59 Pakistani language
60 ___ 500
61 Marinate
62 Small Great Lake
63 Famous archer
65 Fast Internet connection

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*



Horoscope | *Stella Wilder*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — It's no mystery what has been sapping your energy lately; you've been taking on too many odd jobs that have proven to be distracting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Use great care when your emotions come to life. It's essential that you employ self-control, patience and a hefty dose of tolerance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — What you do to help those less fortunate than yourself will be noticed by someone who may be able to offer you a new and important opportunity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You'll be asked to defend yourself, and when you turn to someone you trust for backup you may find that he or she is gone — temporarily.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A chain reaction will result in something that is at once an advantage and a disadvantage. How you react will make all the difference.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Avoid those people who are working against you. There is no reason for you to make things harder for yourself — even in social situations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The questions you're asking at this time are not likely to be answered by any one person. You'll have to collect information piecemeal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Things are sure to pick up in the afternoon, when a chance encounter has you re-evaluating your current plans. Trust your instincts to see you through.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — This is a good day to push yourself a little further to maximize your own rewards. When the time comes, share gains with others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You'll be following in a friend's footsteps throughout much of the day, but there will come a time when he or she asks you to take the lead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You'll want to stay close to home, as someone you love is on the threshold of a major personal development.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Concentrate on consolidating your efforts and making things run more smoothly at the workplace. Efficiency is the key, after all.

SUBJECT HERE

Live Online

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Mississippi State University Athletic Director **LARRY TEMPLETON** was online Wednesday to discuss the hiring of Sylvester Croom as the new head football coach for the Bulldogs, making him the first black head football coach in the Southeastern Conference. Croom brings with him 28 years of coaching experience, including the last three as the Green Bay Packers running backs coach.

Let me say I think you made a great choice. Did the Southeastern Conference try to pressure MSU into hiring a black head coach?

There was no pressure from any group to hire a black head coach. We hired the most qualified coach from Mississippi State. He just happened to be a minority coach.

What will be the biggest challenges — on and off the field — for Mr. Croom in his first season?

Rebuilding the football team and finding the most quality players to compete at the SEC level.

I would like to know if MSU has a plan for reviving the program to national prominence that includes Mr. Croom being given ample time to develop a base and expand on it, or will this be another Nebraska situation where nine wins are considered mediocre?

If Coach Croom wins nine games at Mississippi State, he'll be the governor of the state of Mississippi. I hope we get to that point.

When do you expect to have Coach Croom in Starkville full-time?

We're working today and tomorrow with the Packers to see if he can be released prior to the end of their season.

I made a commitment to Coach Mike Sherman that we would do our best to not interrupt their drive toward the NFL playoffs. We'll just have to see how this week's game with Chicago plays out.

Today on Live Online

2 P.M.: Author Michael Waldman discusses "My Fellow Americans: The Most Important Speeches of America's Presidents, from George Washington to George W. Bush."

2 P.M.: The Post's Len Shapiro talks about playoff hopefuls and the rest of the NFL.

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